

REMARKS

I. Status of the Application

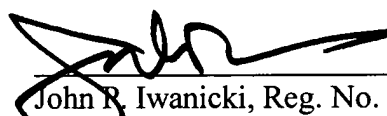
Claims 1, 2, 7-14, 18-25 and 37 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 7-14, 18-25 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 2, 7-14, 18-25 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as lacking enablement. Claims 1, 2, 7-14, 18-25 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The Examiner's rejections are based on the term "lysophospholipase-like having a GenBank Accession Number of U67963". Applicants traversed the Examiner's rejection, however solely to expedite prosecution of the present application, Applicants have deleted that term from the claims.

Having addressed all outstanding issues, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the case. To the extent the Examiner believes that it would facilitate allowance of the case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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